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## Pennsylvania Red Meat Production Up 1 Percent in October

**Total red meat production** for Pennsylvania totaled 124.9 million pounds in October 2015, up 1 percent from the 124.2 million pounds produced in October 2014, and up 10 percent from September 2015, according to King Whetstone, Director, Northeastern Regional Field Office, of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

**Commercial cattle slaughter** totaled 86,400 head, down 8 percent from October 2014. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year at 1,209 pounds.

**Commercial calf slaughter** totaled 7,900 head, 3 percent above October 2014. The average live weight was up 8 pounds from last year at 436.

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 298,400 head, up 8 percent from October 2014. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 276 pounds.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter** totaled 5,000 head, 11 percent below October last year. The average live weight was 106 pounds, up 4 pounds from a year ago.

The complete Livestock Slaughter report and all other NASS reports are available online at <a href="https://www.nass.usda.gov">www.nass.usda.gov</a>.

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